

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 1141 of 2026

- 1. Govind Yadav @ Govind Mahto, son of Late Jagu Mahto @ Late Jag Mahto @ Jaga Mahto
 - 2. Jagdish Yadav, son of Keshar Yadav
 - 3. Arjun Yadav, son of Late Etwari Yadav
 - 4. Ashok Yadav, son of Modan Yadav @ Modan Mahto
 - 5. Mahendra Yadav, son of Late Teni Mahto @ Teni Yadav
- Petitioner Nos.1 & 5 are resident of Village Aourwa, P.O. Pindra,
P.S. Bashishthnagar, District Chatra

.... Petitioners

Versus

The State of Jharkhand Opposite Party

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioners : Mr. Manish Yadav, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Sunil Kumar Dubey, A.P.P.

02/07.04.2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned A.P.P for the State.

- 2. The petitioners are apprehending their arrest in connection with Complaint Case No. 263 of 2019, registered for the offence under Section 33(1)(c) of the Indian Forest Act pending in the court of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Chatra.
- 3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are falsely implicated in the case and the allegations are made that the petitioners were cultivating poppy plant on the forest land He submits that the land is not belonging to the petitioners and the petitioners are not having criminal antecedent as disclosed in para 13 of the petition.
- 4. Learned A.P.P. appearing for the State has opposed the prayer and submits that the allegations are thereof cultivation of poppy plant on the forest land.
- 5. Considering that the land belongs to the Forest Department and not to the petitioners and the petitioners are not having criminal antecedent as disclosed in para 13 of the petition and in that view of the matter, the petitioners, named above, are directed to surrender before the learned Court within two weeks from today and the learned Court shall release the petitioners on such terms and conditions or the sureties as the learned Court may deem fit and proper.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)